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## "The Death Penalty--Welcome Back?"

This will be the topic open to general discussion during the free period (12:30) on Thursday, November 29th, 1973 in Room 222 of the Main Building.

Legislation to reinstate capital punishment in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is now receiving serious consideration and may be acted upon shortly. Should the death penalty be welcomed back? This question is of concern to all of us, not only those who make and enforce the laws. To explore some of the underlying facts and issues together, Psychology I is sponsoring this panel discussion and open forum.

The political history of the death penalty, particularly in Massachusetts, and the current climate of legislative opinion and emotion, will be described by Joseph Rosenbloom, State House reporter for the Boston Globe.

What capital punishment means for those who must enforce the laws will be explored by John Buckley, Sheriff of Norfolk County. Does the death penalty actually deter murder and other serious offenses? Should the reinstatement of this penalty be advocated or opposed by those deeply concerned with law enforcement and public safety?

Psychological implications of capital punishment will be explored by Dr. Robert Kastenbaum, Psychology I Professor. Our attitudes toward the death penalty may have roots deep within both our sense of community and our private needs and fantasies.

Prof. Steven Schwartz, Chairman, Psychology I, will moderate the panel discussion and encourage active discussion from all who are present.

Leonard Keim

The University community expresses its deep sorrow to Janice Keim (Admissions) on the unexpected death of her father Leonard Keim last week in Bethlehem, Pa. Persons wishing to contribute to a memorial in his name are asked to send donations to the Admissions Office, Administration Building. The Keim family said contributions would be forwarded to the Association for the Mentally Retarded.

## Joint Seminar

The Biology and Anthropology departments are sponsoring a talk by Dr. Clifford Jolly of New York University on Thursday, November 29, at 12:30 in Sawyer 202. He will speak on "Early Hominid Evolution and Behavior." Dr. Jolly is an anatomist and is well known for his hypothesis that the early hominids differentiated in conjunction with a seed-eating habit.

## Strand Benefit

A Buffet Dinner Dance will be sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Harriet McCormack Center for the Performing Arts at the Administration Building of the new campus, Friday, December 14, at 8 p.m.

The benefit event will help provide funds for the renovation and opening of the Strand Theater at Uphams Corner, Dorchester. The grand old movie palace has been closed for some years, but community leaders and UMass-Boston have hopes to open the theater for community recitals, concerts, plays, films and for university functions.

The university-community cooperation in the "Save the Strand" project is unique in town-gown relations.

Heading the committee for the December 14th social event is Edward Grimes, President of the Board of Directors of the Harriet McCormack Center for the Performing Arts.

Other committee members include Prof. Robert Evans (Theatre Arts).

Tickets are \$7.50. Music will be Charles Calapa. The faculty and staff are invited to attend and participate in aiding one of Dorchester's most dramatic efforts to provide a cultural center for the community.

## African Studies

Hatim AMIJI of History Dept., College I presented a paper at an international gathering of scholars and teachers of Africa at Syracuse earlier this month. He spoke on "Entrepreneurship in 19th Century East Africa".

Professor AMIJI was also the organizer and Chairman of a panel on "The Role of Trading Communities in Comparative Perspective".

## Anthropology Seminar

The Anthropology Dept. is pleased to announce a talk entitled, "Race Relations in New Zealand: The Pursuit of Rising Equality", by Roger Oppenheim,



### Anthropology Seminar (cont.)

Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

The talk will be held today, November 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 870, Salada Bldg.

### Concert Choir Presentation

The University of Massachusetts at Boston Concert Choir, directed by Joel Cohen, will present the Beethoven MASS IN C MAJOR, OP. 86 Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 P.M. at the Old West Church, Cambridge Street, Boston. Admission is free.

The program is sponsored by the University of Massachusetts at Boston Music Department and the Beacon Hill Arts Council.

### Action in New York

Action student, Eleanor Blount, placed with the New York City Urban Fellowship. Ms. Blount is working in the Mayor's Office for Consumer Protection. Joanne A. Ross, Director of University Year for ACTION, visited Eleanor and her supervisor Evan A. Davis, Chief, Consumer Protection Division. Ms. Ross attended the Fellowship's weekly seminar as one of the scheduled speakers.

### Veterans Upward Bound Program

Chancellor Golino met with some 20 students in the Veterans Upward Bound Program and told them that he strongly supports this type of program at UMass-Boston and if Federal funds are cut that other sources will be sought. Chancellor Golino has been in touch with Congressman Silvo Conte's office in Washington, and the information about the future of the program seems good, unless it is subject to a Presidential veto. Jacob Getson, Director of Grant Development, has been discussing the issues with the Regional Office of Health, Education and Welfare, which supported funding the program a year ago. UMass-Boston is the only institution in the state having this program. In preparing the application for next year's support, the Chancellor invited three of the veterans, to be named by that group, to assist in drafting the proposal.

### Pre-Registration

Faculty are asked to advise students that the Pre-Registration Period for the Spring semester is Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 28. After the 28th the material will be available in the Registrar's Office, 131 Arlington Street. All Pre-Registration cards and Free Time Request forms are to be returned to the Registrar's Office by the December 7 deadline.

## Housing-Transportation Office

A Housing/Transportation Office has been established as recommended by the Campus Study Impact Group (CSIG). It is designed to serve students, faculty, staff and community through a process of disseminating accurate information and providing assistance concerning housing and transportation.

In conjunction with discouraging students, faculty and the staff from pressuring the tight housing market in Dorchester, Columbia Point and South Boston, the HTO will also serve to disseminate information and provide assistance to the University community regarding transportation services and facilities including specific answers on how to get to the new campus and car pooling.

From now until the end of classes, information tables will be located in the lobby of 100 Arlington Street and the Sawyer Building on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 until 3:00 p.m.

At the Dorchester campus call Ext. 2305; ask for Jaci Hall (Director), Bud Snyder (Housing Information), Peter Sheinfeld (Transportation information) or Sharon Riley.

## Faculty Publications

Economists in College II have been publishing in many journals and publications. Among the authors are Prof. Raymond Torto, who has written "Defensive Open Market Operations and the Reverse Causative Argument," Southern Economic Journal. (July, 1973, pp. 47-55).

"Measuring the Impact of Monetary versus Fiscal Actions: A Problem of Specifications" (forthcoming in the Review of Economics and Statistics).

Domestic Economic Problems: A Reader, Holbrook Press, Boston, Mass., 1974, 400 pp. (with H. Wolozin), and "Supply and Demand Approaches to Money Stock Determination: A Critical Review," paper presented at the 1973 Western Economic Association Meetings (August, 1973).

Two recent publications by Charles Betsey are "Employment at Low Wages," Review of Economics and Statistics, and "The Determinants of Working Poverty" in Sheppard et al, (eds.), The Political Economy of Public Service Employment (Lexington: D. C. Heath and Co.)

A paper presented by Arnold Beichman (Politics) at a College II symposium earlier this year has been adapted for publication in the November issue of Art International. The paper is on "The Rise and Fall of the American Intellectual: Is There a Future for the American Scholar?"